Aurora Bridge Girder Transport and Installation





Girders exiting I-5 at N 175th Street





Girders pass under the I-5 overpass turning and clearing without a problem





Traveling west on N 175th Street approaching Aurora Avenue









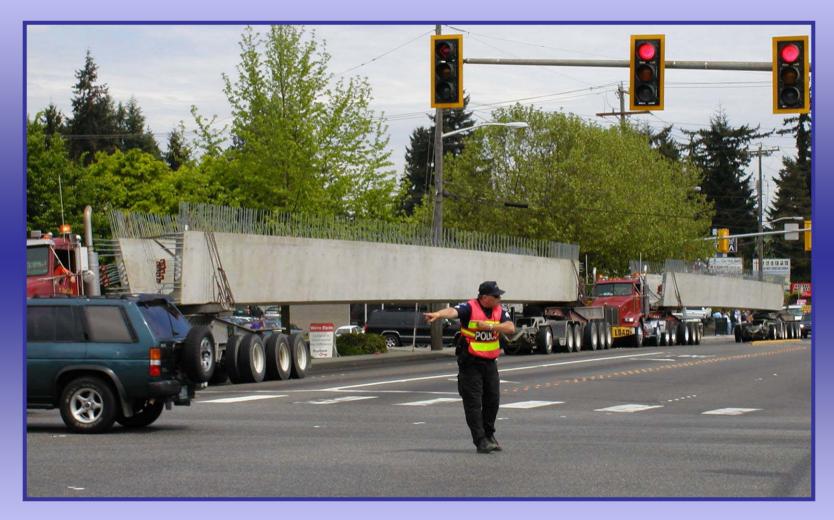


Just where do they end? Girders are approximately 127 feet long and 80 tons each.





N 175th Street and Aurora Avenue



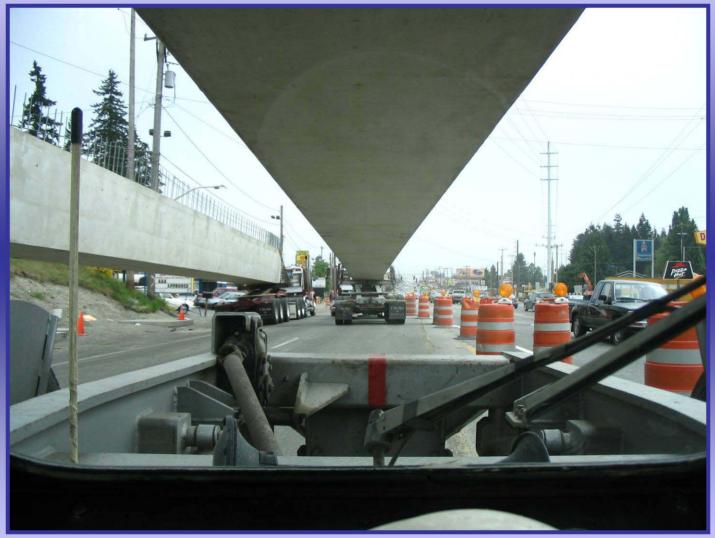


Rear steering car providing tighter maneuverability





View under the girder as seen by driver of rear steering car



Girder arrives at construction site





"Falsework" is the temporary structure erected to support work in the process of construction, consisting of shoring or vertical posting formwork or beams and slabs and lateral bracing







First girder backed into place between bridge columns





A 180-ton and a 250-ton crane were on site for the job





Looking north on Aurora Avenue - intermittent showers did not dampen spirits of onlookers









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First girder is in the air and successfully set by 9:15 pm (Aurora Avenue was closed at 7:00 pm)





Second girder backed into place

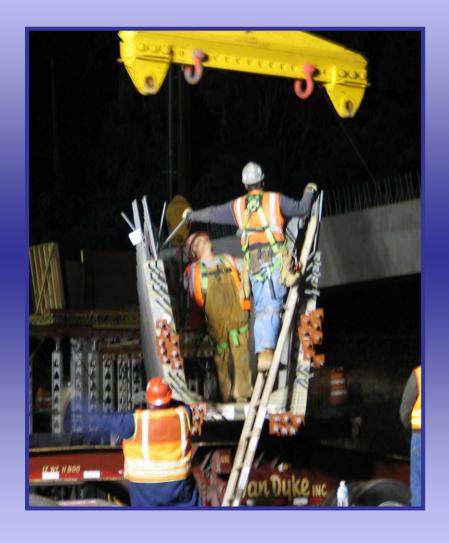


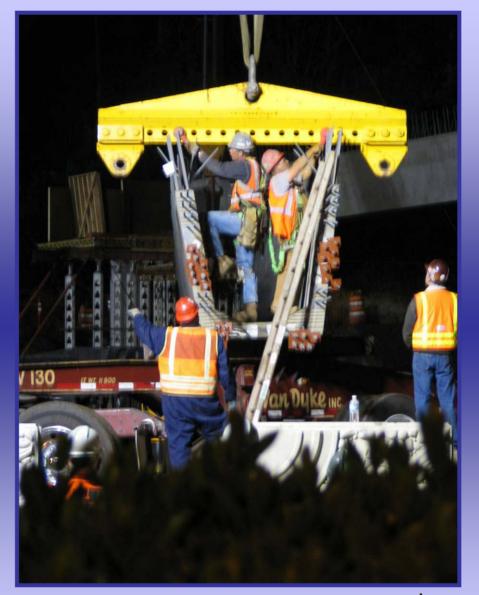
Second crane moves into position to attach to west end of girder and allow truck cab to pull out





Connecting girder to crane







Second girder now completely supported by cranes and being lifted into position



Second girder in place by approximately 11:00 pm





The bridge deck was poured in late June and the next notable event leading to a finished bridge over Aurora Avenue is the addition of the superstructure (glass panels, steel arch) anticipated in August.



